

# The Scoop on filing for Unemployment

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You can file for unemployment insurance either on-line or by telephone.

To apply on-line, go to [www.jobs.utah.gov](http://www.jobs.utah.gov) and, under Quick Links, click on "File Your Claim On Line". At this Web site you can file your initial claim, your weekly continued claims, and an appeal. The Internet allows you to file quickly each week and to check the status of your claim at any time. It also provides all necessary information you need to file your claim.

You can also file by calling the UI claims center for your area. The phone numbers are listed below.

In order to collect unemployment insurance, you are required to register with your local [DWS employment center](#) to look for work. You must be making a good-faith effort to find work each week. You are required to at least make contact with 2 new employers each week you are filing a claim. You also must file a continued claim every week in order to receive unemployment insurance for that week.

It is also recommended that you keep job search records, as you may be required to perform an eligibility review or audit anytime the Department requests them.

Unemployment insurance is a federal/state partnership established over 60 years ago to provide economic and financial stability to workers, families, and communities.

Unemployment insurance is not welfare, Social Security, disability income, or Workers Compensation. Employers contribute to the UI trust fund in order for these payments to be made—meaning, claimants do not pay anything into the UI system. Payments are based on past wages and not on individual or family economic situations.

## Telephone Numbers

Salt Lake County and south Davis County  
526-4400

Weber County and north Davis County  
612-0877

Utah County  
375-4067

Remainder of Utah and out-of-state  
(888) 848-0688